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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: CANADA-CUBA RELATIONS

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1. BRIEF ADJOURNMENT DEBATE IN CANADIAN HOUSE OF COMMONS ON DECEMBER 3 WAS DEVOTED TO POSSIBLE AVIATION NEGOTIATIONS WITH CUBA. MCISAAC (PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO MINISTER OF TRANSPORT) STATED THAT GOC WAS NOT AT PRESENT ENGAGED IN ANY "AIR NEGOTIATIONS" WITH CUBA. "HOWEVER, RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN CANADA-CUBA RELATIONS MAY WELL LEAD TO SUCH NEGOTIATIONS IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE."

2. MCISAAC STATED NEED TO PROVIDE DIRECT AKIR CONNECTIONS IS RECOGNIZED. THERE HAVE BEEN SERIOUS DELAYS IN COMMUNICATION AND IN HANDLING OF MAIL AND FREIGHT TO CUBA THROUGH THE MEXICAN POSTAL ADMINISTRATION. CANADIAN TRADE WITH CUBA IS EXPANDING AND IN 1973 SOME 5000 CANADIANS WENT TO CUBA ON CHARTER FLIGHTS "USING AIR CANADA EQUIPMENT".

3. HE CONCLUDED BY STATING "THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT (MR. MARCHAND) WILL BE RECOMMENDING SHORTLY TO HIS

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CABINET COLLEAGUES THAT WE ENERINTO NEGOTIATIONS TO

WORK OUT A BILATERAL AIR AGREEMENT WITH CUBA."

4. COMMENT: THIS GOVERNMENT STATEMENT IN
PARLIAMENT IS CONSISTENT WITH OUR MOST RECENT
INFORMATION FROM EXTAFF.
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